

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A drinking cup, comprising a body and a single layer elastomeric overmolding partially covering said body.
2. (Original) A drinking cup according to Claim 1, wherein said body has a closed bottom and an open top, said overmolding completely covering said bottom of said body.
3. (Original) A drinking cup according to Claim 2, wherein said body has a sidewall extending between said top and said bottom of said body, said overmolding partially covering said sidewall.
4. (Original) A drinking cup according to Claim 3, wherein said overmolding includes a plurality of ribs spaced apart on said sidewall of said body, thereby forming a plurality of gripping surfaces.
5. (Original) A drinking cup according to Claim 4, wherein said ribs extend circumferentially about said sidewall of said body.
6. (Original) A drinking cup according to Claim 5, wherein said sidewall of said body includes a plurality of depressions, each depression extending longitudinally along said body and being sized and shaped so as to form a handgrip.
7. (Original) A drinking cup according to Claim 6, wherein said overmolding substantially covers each of said depressions in said sidewall of said body.

8. (Original) A drinking cup according to Claim 1, wherein said body is made from a relatively brittle material and said overmolding is made from a softer material which has shock-absorbing properties, whereby said overmolding functions as a bumper for said body.

9. (Original) A drinking cup according to Claim 8, wherein said overmolding enhances the grippability of said body.

10. (Original) A drinking cup according to Claim 9, wherein said overmolding has skid-resistant properties.

11. (Original) A drinking cup according to Claim 1, wherein said body is made from a translucent material and said overmolding is made from an opaque material.

12. (Original) A drinking cup according to Claim 11, wherein said translucent material is clarified polypropylene and said opaque material is a thermoplastic elastomer.

13. (Original) A drinking cup according to Claim 1, wherein said body is made from a translucent thermoplastic material and said overmolding is made from an opaque elastomeric material.

14. (Original) A drinking cup according to Claim 13, wherein said translucent thermoplastic material is selected from the group consisting of polystyrene (PS), polystyrene-acrylonitrile (PSAN), acrylonitrile-butadiene styrene (ABS), styrenemaleic anhydride (SMA), polycarbonate (PC), polyethylene (PE), polyethylene terephthalate, polypropylene (PP), polyvinylcyclohexane, and copolymers and blends thereof.

15. (Original) A drinking cup according to Claim 13, wherein said opaque elastomeric material is selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic elastomers, thermoset elastomers, and copolymers and mixtures thereof.

16. (Original) A drinking cup according to Claim 1, wherein a bi-component molding process is used to apply said overmolding to said body.

17. (Original) A drinking cup according to Claim 16, wherein said bi-component molding process results in a fusion bond between said body and said overmolding.

18. (Original) A drinking cup according to Claim 17, wherein said bi-component molding process is a two-shot injection molding process.

19. (Original) A drinking cup according to Claim 18, wherein said fusion bond has a bond strength that is equal to or greater than the tensile strength of said material of said overmolding.

20. (Original) A drinking cup according to Claim 19, wherein said overmolding is made from a thermoplastic elastomer and said body is made from clarified polypropylene.

21. (Original) A drinking cup according to Claim 20, wherein said thermoplastic elastomer has a durometer value of about SOA to about 80A.

22. (New) A child's drinking cup, comprising:

a body, said body defining a space for holding a liquid and being fabricated at least in part from a first material; and

a gripping area connected to said body, and wherein said gripping area is fabricated at least in part from a second material that is integrally molded to said first material; and

wherein said first material is harder than said second material.

23. (New) The drinking cup of claim 22, wherein said first material is selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic material is selected from the group consisting of polystyrene (PS), polystyrene-acrylonitrile (PSAN), acrylonitrile-butadiene styrene (ABS), styrene-

maleicanhydride (SMA), polycarbonate (PC), polyethylene (PE), polyethylene terephthalate, polypropylene (PP), polyvinylcyclohexane, and copolymers and blends thereof.

24. (New) The drinking cup of claim 23, wherein said second material is selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic elastomers, thermoset elastomers, and copolymers and mixtures thereof.

25. (New) The drinking cup of claim 22, wherein said first material and said second material are fusion bonded together.

26. (New) The drinking cup of claim 25, wherein said fusion bond is a TPE/polypropylene bond.

27. (New) The drinking cup of claim 22, wherein said second material forms a perimeter around a portion of said first material.

28. (New) A child's drinking cup, comprising:

a body, said body defining a space for holding a liquid and being fabricated at least in part from a first material;

a lid mounted to said body; and

a gripping area made of a second material that is integrally molded to said first material, wherein said first material has a higher durometer value than said durometer value of said second material.

29. (New) The child's drinking cup of claim 28, wherein said first material is selected from the group consisting of polystyrene (PS), polystyrene-acrylonitrile (PSAN), acrylonitrile-butadiene styrene (ABS), stryrenemaleicanhydride (SMA), polycarbonate (PC), polyethylene (PE), polyethylene terephthalate, polypropylene (PP), polyvinylcyclohexane, and copolymers and blends thereof.

30. (New) The child's drinking cup of claim 29, wherein said second material is selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic elastomers, thermoset elastomers, and copolymers and mixtures thereof.

31. (New) The child's drinking cup of claim 28, wherein said first material and said second material are fusion bonded together.

32. (New) The child's drinking cup of claim 31, wherein said fusion bond is a TPE/polypropylene bond.

33. (New) The child's drinking cup of claim 28, wherein said second material forms a perimeter of a portion of said first material.

34. (New) The child's drinking cup of claim 28, wherein said second material substantially surrounds a portion of said first material.

35. (New) The child's drinking cup of claim 28, further comprising a valve member.

36. (New) A feeding device for a child, comprising:

a body;

a lid mounted to said body;

a valve member;

a gripping area made of a first material and a second material, wherein said first material has a harder durometer value than said durometer value of said second material; wherein said first material is selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic material is selected from the group consisting of polystyrene (PS), polystyrene-acrylonitrile (PSAN), acrylonitrile-butadiene styrene (ABS), styrenemaleicanhydride (SMA), polycarbonate (PC), polyethylene (PE), polyethylene terephthalate, polypropylene (PP), polyvinylcyclohexane, and copolymers and blends thereof;

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wherein said second material is selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic elastomers, thermoset elastomers, and copolymers and mixtures thereof; and said second material substantially surrounds a portion of said first material.